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At 6 a.m. August 11, 1931, 7,500 gunny bags, valued at £2,500.00, the property of the Eiwa Yoko, Japanese firm, No.9 Canton Road, were seized by pickets of the anti-Japanese Association on the Soochow Creek near Tungking Road, whilst being transported in a lighter from the Toa Jute Factory to the S.S. "Seikyo Maru" berthed at the O.S.K. wharf for shipment to Keelung. The lighter was detained alongside a river police boat lying on the Chinese side of the Soochow Creek near Tungking Road.

The Japanese Authorities immediately lodged a protest with the Chinese Authorities who issued an order instructing that the seized goods were to be released at once. However, when the representatives of the Japanese and Chinese Authorities and the owner of the goods proceeded to the scene to effect the release under the strength of this order, they were flatly refused.

Later, having been requested by the owner, the Commander of the Japanese Landing Force despatched 20 marines under an officer. They passed through the Settlement and arrived on the opposite side of Tungking Road in the Settlement at about 12.30 p.m. August 11, 1931. The officer disarmed himself and alone went by a sampan to the lighter which was being detained, whereupon the pickets on seeing him approach dispersed. The owner was then able to tow away the lighter to its destination.

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